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Makoto Izawa et al.

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For: ENCRYPTION APPARATUS, ENCRYPTION  
METHOD, AND ENCRYPTION SYSTEM

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Examiner: E. Mede

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2007, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.